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METALLURGICAL INSTITUTE OPENS -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 155, 1 Jul 50

The Metallurgical Institute on Marmontovo Ulica (Street) in Ljubljana will open today. The institute will be a part of Ljubljana University.

In addition to a school, the institute will consist of large industrial shops equipped with facilities for preparing and smelting ores and for forging, rolling, and drawing alloys. The smelting furnaces will be able to produce various types of steel and alloys.

A special department will be established for the thermal processing of metal parts. The institute will be equipped with complete laboratories and workshops for the mechanical, chemical, and physical testing of new alloys.

The school rooms are located near the workshops of the institute, which is intended to admit students from the other republics in addition to Slovenia. The institute was established in Slovenia because no other republic has such a variety of metal-producing enterprises. For example, there is a mercury mine in Idrija, a zinc factory in Celje, an aluminum factory in Strisce, lead mines in Mezica, steel mills in Jesenice, Gustanj, and Store, and electrometallurgy enterprises in Ruse.

Although the workshops of the Metallurgical Institute are being opened now, the classrooms will not be ready until winter.

This year, the institute has been instructed to determine the utility of domestic coke for processing domestic ores, the manufacture of various types of steel, and the procurement of precious metals from domestic sources.

The workshops of the institute are under contract to the Ministry of Heavy Industry, even though they are a part of the Technical Institute of the University, which is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Science and Culture.

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NEW FOUNDRY TO BEGIN OPERATION -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 153, 29 Jun 50

At the end of October, the largest foundry of tempered castings in Yugoslavia will begin operation. The foundry is a component of the "Titan" Metal Products Factory in Kamnik, Slovenia.

The foundry will make iron castings for fitting shops, pipe connectors, parts for scales, and farm and other machinery parts. All these parts will be processed to make them as tough as steel.

The foundry is 140 meters long and its shops are 30 meters high. The first of two furnaces for tempered castings imported from Austria was installed recently. All other equipment was produced by the "Remont" (Repair) Enterprise in Ljubljana and Maribor, by the "Jedinstvo" and "Rade Koncar" Enterprises in Zagreb, and by the "Ivo Lola Ribar" Enterprise in Zeleznik. The second furnace for tempered castings will be manufactured in Yugoslavia.

A conveyer belt will carry the castings from the casting shop into the cooling, cleaning, and inspection shops. The conveyer belt is driven by an electric motor and is equipped with special cars, which are covered with refractory material. The rotary furnaces will be fueled with coal dust.

When the foundry begins operation, its production of tempered castings will be five times that of the old installation. The number of foundry workers will then be reduced by 70 percent.

In the near future, the old buildings of the foundry and other adjacent buildings will be merged into a single unit similar to the new foundry. A third building will be erected and equipped with fitting installations.

IRON, MANGANESE DISCOVERED -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 150, 26 Jun 50

In the vicinity of the "Cer" manganese mine near Kicevo in Macedonia, iron ore deposits and small manganese deposits were discovered recently.

The "Cer" mine is 24 kilometers from the Kicevo railroad station, and the manganese ore has to be transported over bad roads from a height of 1,200 meters to the station. To improve the transportation situation, a 1,200-meter tunnel has been started through the Sac Mountain. The ore will be transported through this tunnel by motor locomotives. So far this year, 500 meters of tunnel have been dug.

HOXHA HAILS CHROME AND CEMENT PRODUCTION -- Bashkimi, No 1652, 11 Apr 50

Speaking before the Second Congress of the Albanian Workers' Party on 10 April 1950, President Hoxha reported that the Albanian mining, cement, electric power, and casting industries have completed their 1949 production plan satisfactorily.

He particularly commended the chrome industry, which has achieved 102 percent of its plan although its labor force was smaller than that provided by the Plan. He indicated that chrome production reached 102.9 percent of its schedule in the first quarter of 1950.

The President also reported that the cement state enterprise in Shkoder, which fulfilled 91.1 percent of its 1949 plan would have exceeded its plan except for a shortage of bags. In the first quarter of 1950, he stated, the factory fulfilled its plan by 119.9 percent.

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